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MediaWiki Foundation: What we're doing and how you can get involved

What are we doing?

Create a nonprofit organization to give third-party users a voice in the development of MediaWiki!

Who are we?

MEDIAWIKI Release Team

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- Former Bugmeister for Wikimedia Foundation
- Release Manager from 2012-2013 on volunteer basis
- MediaWiki consultant

Markus Glaser

- Co-founded Hallo Welt!
- Created Blue Spice
- Member of Board of Wikimedia Deutschland

Mission

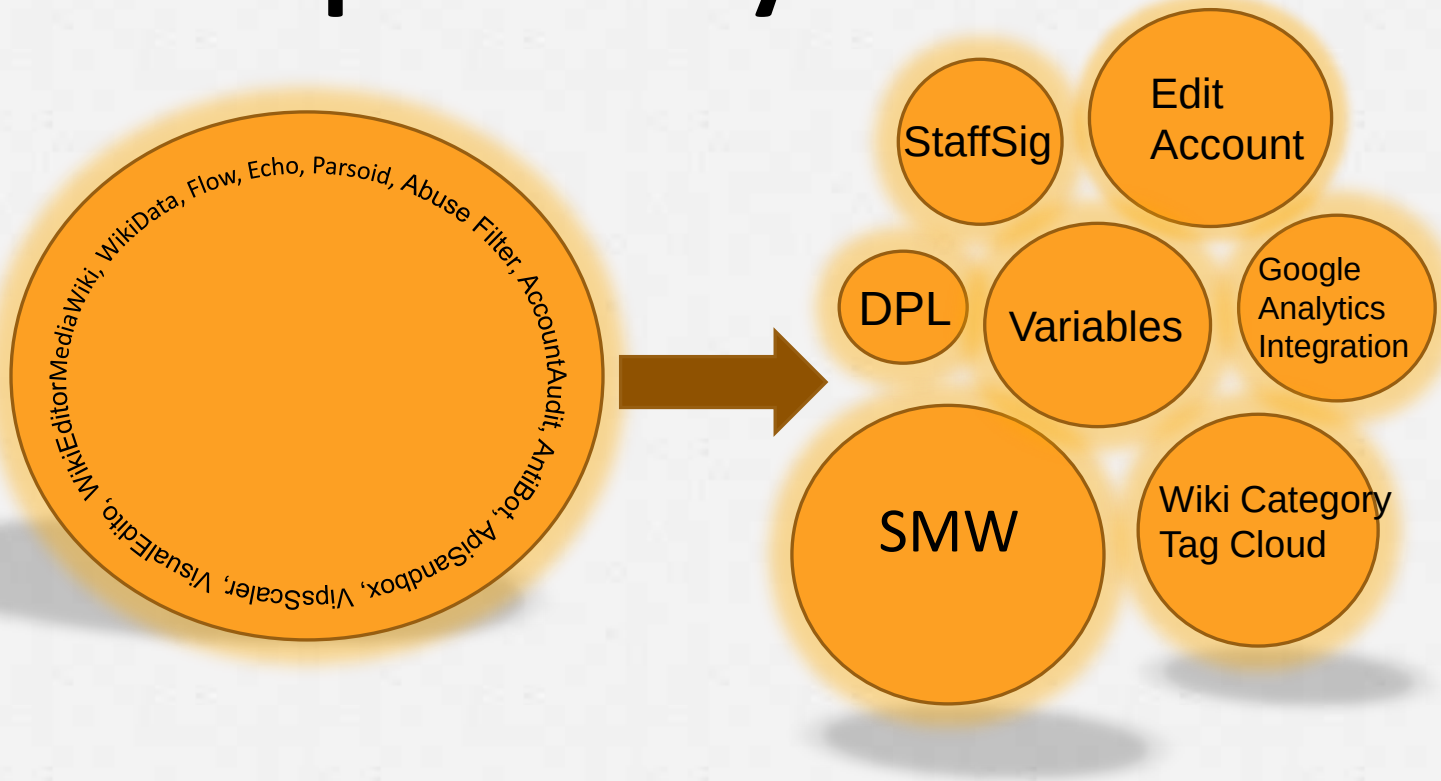
Manage MediaWiki releases for the benefit of third party, non-WMF users of MediaWiki

Vision

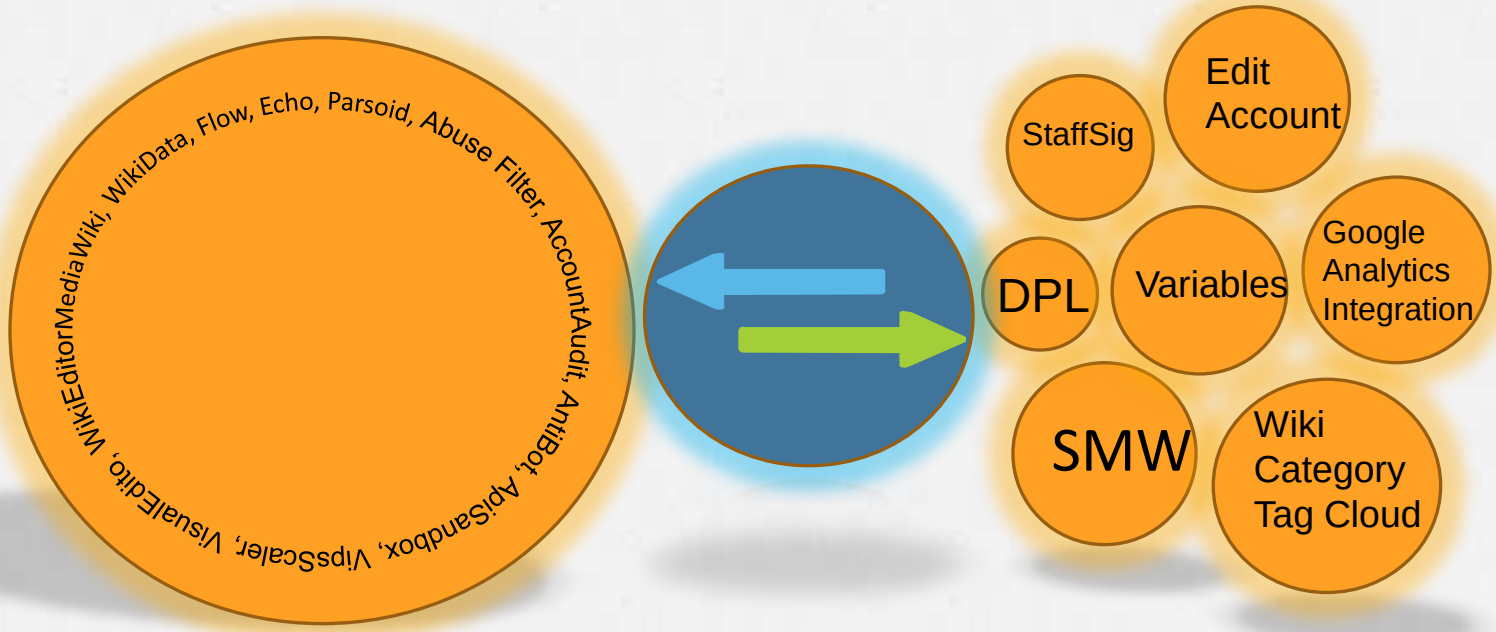
To build a sustainable, self-supporting organization to promote a healthy, respectful, interactive ecosystem where third party users are involved in the development of MediaWiki.

The Impact on the SMW Community and other third party users

The Upstream Code Dependency Problem



The Upstream Code Dependency *Solution*



#REDIRECT Bug

Reported 2008, fixed 2014

January 6, 2014	Brad Jorsch provided solution
February 26, 2014	MWJames made original report on Github
March 19, 2014	MWJames made second report on Bugzilla
April 15, 2014	MyM branched 1.23.
April 24, 2014	MyM released first RC for 1.23
April 28, 2014	Jamie Thingelstad alerted Mark to bug on Github
May 2, 2014	Mark offered a patch to back out the problem “fix”
May 9, 2014	Patch was refined and applied

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I've already leaped to 1.23, and not sure how easy it is to go back. I very rarely use redirection on my wikis so I'm hoping this isn't a big problem for me? Things seem okay...

Editorial: The MediaWiki core team sure could do a better job working with extension developers. I think I can say that nearly all the core bugs I've seen highlighted by Semantic MediaWiki are by default rejected until it's proven to be a problem. if you compare the support extension developers get in the MediaWiki ecosystem to that in WordPress, it's amazing how much poorer it is. It's disheartening for the entire ecosystem. :-((/cc ***@hexmode****, I know this is something you care about)*

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Thank you Mark for recognizing this as an API break, loose from the discussion
if the change itself is good or bad.

I'm saddened that the amount of finger pointing here so often outweighs the
amount of listening being done. In the end, we all lose because of this.
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We need your support and involvement!

1. Help us understand you better.
2. Help fund this organization.
3. Spread the word!
4. Volunteer!

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Questions?